

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 4, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 and ending at line 9 with the following paragraph.

~~This invention relates to~~ In a gear pump $[(1)]$ with variable throughput volume, with two meshed gears $[(2, 3)]$ with external toothing $[(,)]$ which are rotatably held in the working chamber $[(11)]$ of a pump housing $[(4)]$, at least one of the two gears ~~(3) being~~ is driven from a drive shaft $[(5)]$ and one of the gears $[(2)]$, i.e., preferably the driven gear $[(2)]$, ~~being~~ is shiftable in the direction of its axis $[(2')]$. In order to realize a control mechanism in a simple manner ~~it is provided that~~ a gap width $[(10)]$ defined as the distance measured in axial direction between an essentially plane first interior side wall $[(11a)]$ of the working chamber $[(11)]$ of the pump housing $[(4)]$ and a first front face $[(2a)]$ of the shiftable gear $[(2)]$, $[(be)]$ is designed $[(so\ as)]$ to be variable.